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## Iran

Majlis Debate on Bani-Sadr--AFP reported on 16 June that the Majlis has decided to hold an urgent debate on President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr's political competence. If the assembly rules that Bani-Sadr is incompetent, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni is empowered by the Constitution to dismiss him. Earlier, Tehran radio quoted Majlis Speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani as telling progovernment demonstrators that the Majlis will give a "favorable reply" to their demands for a Majlis ruling on Bani-Sadr's competence.

Khomeyni Denounces March--After repeatedly interrupting its regular transmissions with unscheduled announcements that Ayatollah Khomeyni had made a very important speech in connection with the National Front's planned march for the afternoon of 15 June, Tehran radio broadcast a recording of it. In his remarks, delivered at the Hoseyniyeh Jamaran, Khomeyni denounced the National Front's proposed march against the bill of retribution, a fundamentalist measure that brings Iranian law into line with Koranic law. Khomeyni said the opponents of the law have asked people to march against Islam and the Koran, and he claimed that the National Front has openly risen against Islam. Indicating that the march was also planned as an expression of support for President Bani-Sadr, Khomeyni criticized those "pseudoholy people" and "pseudofriends" who have coalesced with the National Front against the Islamic Republic. He said Bani-Sadr should have abided by the judgment of the three-man mediation committee. Asserting that he would accept "repentance" from Bani-Sadr, Khomeyni called on the president and his supporters to repent on the radio and television and to admit that they had been mistaken in inviting people to rebel and in forming a coalition with the opposition. Khomeyni added that he had warned Bani-Sadr against the "wolves" surrounding him but the president did not listen. Bani-Sadr should apologize to the nation, admit that he had failed to act in accordance with the wishes of those who had elected him and promise to do so from now on, he added. Bani-Sadr's group and former Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan's liberation front, he continued, should dissociate themselves from those who are opposed to Islam. Khomeyni also defended Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i's government against Bani-Sadr's criticism of its ability. Raja'i's intellect is greater than his education, Khomenyi said, whereas "some of you have more knowledge than intellect." He defended the government's economic record, asserting that neither Raja'i nor his critics can solve Iran's economic problems immediately. He also praised the Majlis for working hard and scored the National Front for criticizing the closure of the universities. Iran is preparing a university for the nation, he said, aimed at producing individuals dedicated to Islam.

Failure of March--Reports by AFP and Tehran radio indicated that the march planned by supporters of President Bani-Sadr, the National Front and other opposition groups was a failure. AFP said hundreds of thousands of Khomeyni and government supporters, chanting slogans that included "Death to Bani-Sadr," preempted the opposition by occupying central Tehran throughout the afternoon. Tehran radio spoke of hundreds of thousands of Muslims in Tehran and the provinces chanting "God is great" and forcing "imperialist minigroups" to flee. The radio said the Islamic revolution had defeated a conspiracy supported not only by the National Front but also by the Mojahedin-e Khalq. The radio also broadcast an announcement by Bazargan dissociating his liberation movement from the march.

Bani-Sadr Rejects Charges--According to AFP, President Bani-Sadr reacted to Khomeyni's remarks by issuing an open message to the press rejecting the ayatollah's charges that he has incited revolt but reiterating his loyalty to Khomeyni. Bani-Sadr said Khomeyni's attitude toward him is "not right," and he denounced those who have been feeding lies about him to the ayatollah.

## Oman

According to Muscat radio, the Foreign Ministry has sent a memorandum to the Arab League Secretariat General claiming that a six-man PDRY army unit had infiltrated Omani borders 35 km south of Habarut before being discovered by Omani Armed Forces on 13 June. The Omani Government asked the Secretariat General to convey the contents of the memorandum to the other Arab League members, the radio said.

## Iraq

In an exclusive statement to MAP, First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yasin Ramadan affirmed that Iraq is determined to continue its nuclear research and will not be affected by any quarter. In this regard, he said, Iraq will cooperate with any country that is willing to reciprocate. He predicted that French policy will not change at all during French President Francois Mitterrand's administration since any harm befalling Arab interests will be equally damaging for both sides, if not more so for France.

## Egypt

As-Sadat on Israeli Raid--In an interview with the Cairo weekly MAY, carried by MENA, President Anwar as-Sadat described the Israeli raid on the Iraqi nuclear reactor as a "hideous mistake" and said the action has opened old wounds and rebuilt a psychological barrier between Egypt and Israel. He charged that Israel's action constitutes the biggest danger to the peace process but affirmed that Egypt must stand fast and adhere to it. As-Sadat asserted that the Israeli operation has not destroyed the peace process but has shaken it violently and will not make things easy. Questioned on the immediate results that can be attributed to the reactor incident, As-Sadat responded that the Israeli operation has given Syria and the Soviet Union a blank check for slanders, lies and intimidations against the peace process, to which they have failed to offer an alternative. He said he is relying on the Egyptian people's steadfastness in passing Israel's "horrific" test. As-Sadat reaffirmed that he had not been alerted to the operation by Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin during their recent meeting in Sinai.

Response to Reagan--MENA reported that in a response to a cable from President Ronald Reagan, President as-Sadat said Egypt is constantly seeking to deepen the concept of peace with Israel and mentioned in this regard his recent talks with Prime Minister Begin and his request that Begin allow U.S. diplomacy ample time to resolve the Lebanese crisis. As-Sadat affirmed that Egypt will continue to work to stop the communist tide in the area and expressed his conviction that the United States can play a major tole in solving the problems of security and peace in the region.

## Pakistan

Karachi radio reported that in elaborating on some of the points of the Pakistani-U.S. joint statement issued at the close of U.S. Under Secretary of State James Buckley's talks in Pakistan on U.S. economic assistance and military sales, Foreign Minister Agha Shahi said Pakistan has not accepted any obligations in return for this assistance that are prejudicial in any way to the principles and purposes of the Nonaligned Movement or the Islamic Conference Organization. He explained that under the aid program, 50 percent of the fund will be economic assistance and the remainder will be given as a loan for military purchases related exclusively to the nation's requirements.

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GOVERNMENT REJECTS PAKISTANI AIR VIOLATION CHARGE

LD152030 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1439 GMT 15 Jun 81

[Text] The DRA Government resolutely rejects the seditious allegation of the Islamabad military government concerning the so-called violation of Pakistani territory by the Afghan Air Force, the report of which has been published by the imperialist news media. A spokesman for the DRA Ministry of Foreign Affairs today told the BAKHTAR agency correspondent that the Pakistani Government recently claimed that three Afghan aircraft violated airspace in the Naushki region of Baluchistan and attacked a bus with rockets and machineguns, injuring one person. The Afghan authorities firmly reject the Pakistani military government's false claim, which is directed at distorting reality and thus publicized to distort public opinion in general and that of the Pakistani fraternal people in particular--especially the Baluchi brothers. The Afghan authorities reject the slanderous, poisonous propaganda by the lying Pakistan machinery against revolutionary Afghanistan and have demanded that the Pakistani charge d'affairs in Kabul and the Afghan charge in Islamabad reject these groundless claims in front of the relevant Pakistani Government authorities. Peace-loving Afghanistan has no intention of encroaching on others. However, these are reactionary and imperialist circles that, with the help of the Pakistani militarists, arm and equip the Afghan counterrevolutionary elements and openly send them to Afghanistan to murder and plunder, for all practical purposes interfering in Afghan internal affairs. Afghanistan has informed the world several times that it wants to find a solution to the problems with its neighbors through negotiations and direct talks; that it wants a peaceful and secure life; noninterference in each other's internal affairs; respect for the national sovereginty of all countries; and particularly good-neighbor relations with its neighbors based on mutual respect.

TEXT OF OPENING SPEECH BY KARMAL AT NFF CONGRESS

LD160740 Kabul BATHTAR in English 0420 GMT 16 Jun 81

[Text] Kabul, 15 Jun (BAKHTAR)--Following is the text of the opening speech of Babrak Karmal, general secretary of PDPA CC, president of the Revolutionary Council and president of the Presidium of the DRA Revolutionary Council, at the founding congress of the National Fatherland Front.

Esteemed delegates of the founding congress of National Fatherland Front:

It is an honour that I inaugurate the congress of National Fatherland Front at this sensitive stage of the history of Afghanistan. The tradition of national jirgahs (assemblies) has been inherited by us from our ancestors which serves the national and democratic revolution of Afghanistan. The National Fatherland Front is clearly the developed and progressive stage of the former jirgahs and the [word indistinct] jirgahs of the people of Afghanistan. We extend our fraternal congratulations to all the delegates, organizations and all patriots of Afghanistan on holding this grand congress of the National Fatherland Front. I am sure that the National Fatherland Front will unite all the progressive forces in the task of establishing a society of peace and progress, a new society of prosperity and people's power. I am sure that the [word indistinct] of knowledge, justice, brotherhood, equality and progress will be illuminating the villages, houses, camps and the dark caves. The National Fatherland Front is dutybound to unite the masses of the people (?and tribes) of Afghanistan. I am confident that the National Fatherland Front will succeed in uniting the revolutionary solidarity movement of Afghanistan with the revolutionary movements of the world and will impart a unity to the feelings and expression of our brave people in the interest of the worldwide movement against imperialism, hegemonism and reaction and for peace, independence, freedom, democracy and social progress. Let us join together our hands, fists and fingers for the honour, dignity, prosperity and freedom of people for creating a peace-loving, prosperous and worthy Afghanistan having its due place in the world. The people when united are invincible and will undoubtedly attain victory.

RAO RETURNS FROM PAKISTAN, SAYS TALKS 'FRUITFUL'

BK120902 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 12 Jun 81

[Excerpts] External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao arrived in New Delhi this afternoon after his 5-day visit to Pakistan. Talking to newsmen at the airport, he described his talks with the Pakistani leaders as fruitful and satisfactory. He said the dialogue between the two countries would continue. Rao said he would report to Prime Minister Mrs Gandhi on the outcome of his talks. Earlier, talking to newsmen at Karachi airport before leaving for home, Rao said that Pakistan Foreign Minister Agha Shahi will visit India for further talks. The visit will take place earlier than originally scheduled. However, no date has been fixed for the visit. In reply to a question as to whether his visit had solved the problems between the two countries, Rao said a good beginning had been made. Nobody can claim that all the problems could be solved in one visit.

NARASIMHA RAO LEAVES FOR VISIT TO BHUTAN 16 JUN

BK160420 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 16 Jun 81

[Text] The External Affairs minister, P.B. Narasimha Rao, left New Delhi a short while ago for Thimbu on a 3-day good will visit to Bhutan. He is accompanied by the foreign secretary, R.D. Sathe. Before emplaning, he told the Air Newsreel correspondent that his visit is in response to a long-standing invitation.

RAJIV GANDHI ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT BY WIDE MARGIN

BK160513 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 16 Jun 81

[Excerpt] The Congress-I has secured a thumping victory by securing 19 seats--14 assembly and 5 parliamentary seats--in the last week byelections, the results of which have been so far declared. Byelections were held to 7 Lok Sabha and 23 Assembly seats. In Uttar Pradesh, the Congress-I has bagged seven out of eight Assembly seats and four out of five Lok Sabha seats. Rajiv Gandhi was declared elected last night from the Amethi constituency. He defeated his nearest rival of the Lok Dal, Shared Yadav, by a margin of 237,696 votes. Rajiv Gandhi polled 258,884 votes and Mr Yadav got 21,188 votes.

CBI CLAIMS MAKALU PLANE SABOTAGE CASE SOLVED

BK101540 Delhi PATRIOT in English 7 Jun 81 p 1

[Excerpts] Bombay, 6 Jun (UNI)--The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) claims to have solved the Air-India VIP Boeing "Makalu" sabotage case, with senior aircraft technician Suresh Pandurang Inamdar "confessing" his involvement in cutting the control cables of the plane. With this, the probe into the attempted sabotage of the plane, earmarked for Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's foreign tour, had been completed and Inamdar will soon be charge-sheeted, the CBI said. Inamdar was produced before a metropolitan court here after he had expressed his "desire" to make a confessional statement. The court had recorded the statement yesterday.

According to the CBI, Inamdar's movements during the attempted sabotage and after had been "highly suspicious." He had abstained from duty for some days after the CBI launched its probe at the hangar. His statements during the interrogation were "inconsistent" and reasons for his absence "unbelievable," the CBI said.

STRONG PROTEST LODGED OVER AFGHAN ATTACK ON BUS

BK130817 Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu 0800 GMT 13 Jun 81

[Text] Pakistan has strongly protested the Afghan aircraft attack on a passenger bus near Naushki in Baluchistan Province. The bus was damaged and its conductor was injured in the attack. Following the attack, the Afghan charge d'affaires was summoned to the Foreign Ministry in Islamabad and a strong protest was lodged. The Pakistani charge d'affaires in Kabul has also been directed to protest the Afghan aircrafts' violation of Pakistan's airspace and the attack on a passenger bus in Pakistani territory.

JAMES BUCKLEY MEETS WITH OFFICIALS 13-14 JUN

Meets With Agha Shahi

BK131617 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 13 Jun 81

[Excerpt] U.S. Under Secretary of State for Security Assistance, Science and Technology James L. Buckley and Foreign Minister Agha Shahi held talks in Islamabad today. The talks, attended by their aides, were held in 2 rounds and lasted for about 6 hours. The first round of talks was followed by lunch,during which the talks continued. Both sides exchanged views on U.S. economic aid and the sale of military equipment to Pakistan. Further talks will be held tomorrow.

The U.S. under secretary of state, who is leading a seven-member delegation, visited an Afghan refugee tent village near Peshawar yesterday. The elders of the Afghan refugees, in their complimentary address, said that they were struggling against the foreign domination of their country with the help of weapons snatched from foreign troops and the Karmal regime's forces in Afghanistan. They said that they wanted the United States to exert constant political pressure on the Soviet Union to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan.

Meets With Ziaul Haq

BK141730 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 14 Jun 81

[Text] Visiting American Under Secretary of State for Security Assistance James L. Buckley called on President Gen Mohammad Ziaul Haq in Rawalpindi this evening. During the 1-hour's meeting, they exchanged views on, among other matters, the U.S. economic assistance and military sales to Pakistan. Those present on the occasion included Foreign Minister Agha Shahi, Pakistan's ambassador designate, Lt Gen Ejaz Azeem, and American Ambassador to Pakistan Arthur Hummel.

Buckley's visit to Pakistan, which formed part of the continuing dialogue between Pakistan and the United States, is a followup of the visit of Agha Shahi to Washington in April last.

Earlier, the visiting U.S. under secretary of state held the third round of talks with Agha Shahi. The talks continued for about 2 and 1/2 hours. Agha Shahi and Buckley were assisted by their aides.

SHAHI COMMENTS ON ARMS AGREEMENT WITH U.S.

BK151705 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 15 Jun 81

[Excerpts] Pakistan and the United States have discussed the dimensions of the overall framework for U.S. economic assistance and military sales to Pakistan for the next 6 years.

This was stated in a joint statement issued in Islamabad following talks between U.S. Under Secretary of State for Security Assistance James Buckley and Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi.

Elaborating on some of the points in the joint statement, Foreign Minister Agha Shahi said that in return for this assistance, Pakistan had not accepted any obligations that were in any way prejudicial to its (?position) in the Nonaligned Movement, the Islamic Conference Organization or to the principles or purposes of these organizations. The foreign minister added that Pakistan would continue its efforts to seek a political solution of the Afghan crisis through dialogue, which had already been set in motion with the assistance of the UN secretary general. Similarly, Pakistan would continue its efforts to improve relations with India and the Soviet Union. He said Pakistan remained fully committed to the Islamic and Arab cause. He expressed full solidarity with Iraq over the Israeli attack on the nuclear reactor near Baghdad.

Answering a question, the foreign minister said that from now until October 1982, military purchases would be made from Pakistan's own resources and funds for this would be provided by its various friends in the Islamic world. He clarified that the military purchase program related exclusively to the country's defense requirements, which had assumed great importance because of the recent events in Afghanistan. He expressed the hope that Pakistan would be able to replace its obsolete defensive equipment after sanctions on U.S. military sales were lifted. Answering a question, he said that under the aid program, 50 percent of the fund would be economic assistance and the remainder given as a loan for military purchases.

Agha Shahi clarified that the United States would give $100 million until October 1982 as development aid and goods. Answering another question, he said that the military purchases were under a very modest program to equip Pakistan's Armed Forces with sophisticated equipment. He said that if the U.S. Congress approved the package aid for the period of October 1982 to September 1987, then successive U.S. governments would respect the commitments of the present government.

When asked whether F-16's were not offensive aircraft, Agha Shahi said that India was acquiring sophisticated MiG's, Jaguars and Mirages, asking whether they were not offensive aircraft. He asked: How could normalization of Indian-Pakistani relations be affected if Pakistan purchases a few F-16's? He said that during the recent visit of the Indian external affairs minister, both countries exchanged views on the principle of acquiring defensive equipment, adding that he did not believe that this would affect normalization of relations whatsoever.

OPPOSITION PARTIES CONDEMN ISRAELI ATTACK

BK131041 Hong Kong AFP in English 1016 GMT 13 Jun 81

[Text] Karachi, 13 Jun (AFP)--The eight-party Movement for Restoration of Democracy (MRD) has demanded restoration of the powers of the judiciary, civil liberties, freedom of the press and release of the detained political leaders, workers, students, lawyers and trade unionists in Pakistan.

The Central Action Committee of the MRD, which met here for the last two days, passed a unanimous resolution urging the martial law regime to repeal the constitutional amendments which deprived the higher judiciary of the powers to review the cases tried by military tribunals. It called for restoration of democracy and holding of free, fair and impartial general elections in the country.

The meeting was attended by the representatives of eight banned parties: the Pakistan People's Party of the executed former Prime Minister 'Ali Bhutto, the National Democratic Party, the Pakistan Democratic Party, the National Liberation Front, a faction of the Muslim League, Tehrik-e Istiqlal Party, Jamiat-e Ulema Eslam (a Muslim fundamentalist group), and left-wing Kissan Mazdur Party.

A former federal minister, Mr Arshad Chowdhury, presided over the meeting, which criticised the economic policies of the military government of President General Mohammad Ziaul Haq. The meeting expressed concern over the deteriorating law and order situation and rampant corruption in the country. The Movement for Restoration of Democracy expressed shock over the execution of a student leader, Hamid Baluch, by the martial law authorities.

Another resolution condemned the unprovoked and wanton Israeli attack on the Iraq nuclear reactor near Baghdad. It also criticised the United States administration for supporting Israeli terrorism against the Islamic states.

Releasing the MRD resolutions to newsmen, Mr Arshad Chowdhury said three more parties, namely Azad Jammu and Kashmir Muslim Conference, Awami Jamhuri (People's Democratic) Party and Pakistan Socialist Party, had agreed to cooperate with the Movement for Restoration of Democracy. These parties would formally join the movement shortly, he added.

LAW ISSUED ON SUMMARY TRIAL OF GOVERNMENT WORKERS

BK150651 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 14 Jun 81

[Text] The chief martial law administrator has issued Martial Law Regulation No 51. It provides that where it is brought to the notice of the competent authority that a person in government service or a person in corporation service has indulged or it indulging directly or indirectly in any manner whatsoever in any agitational activity, the competent authority may, if it thinks fit, deal with such person in a summary way or refer his case to a military court for trial.

The martial law regulation, which comes into force at once, says: If the competent authority decides to deal with such a person in a summary way, the competent authority shall serve such a person with a show-cause notice as to why he should not be so dealt with, and if it is not satisfied with the reply of such a person to the show-cause notice, or if such a person fails to submit his reply within the period stipulated in the show-cause notice, it may dismiss, remove or prematurely retire such a person from service or reduce him in rank.

The regulation further says any person who has been punished under the provisions of the regulations may, within 60 days of the communication of the order of the competent authority, submit a review petition to the chief martial law administrator or such officer or authority as may be authorized by the chief martial law administrator in this behalf, and the chief martial law administrator or such officer or authority may pass such order on such petition as he may deem fit.

The regulation provides that a person tried by a military court for an offense under this regulation shall be punishable with rigorous imprisonment for a term which may extend to 5 years or with fine or whipping not exceeding five stripes.

The regulation shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in any law, including a martial law regulation or order for the time being in force.

PIA HIJACKER'S ASSOCIATE NABBED NEAR AFGHAN BORDER

BK131023 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 13 Jun 81

[Text] A close associate of Salamullah, the main hijacker of the Pakistan International Airlines plane hijacked to Kabul in March last, has been arrested. It is understood that this close associate was held somewhere near the Pakistan-Afghan border when he was trying to cross over on his way to Kabul. The Federal Investigation Agency is making further probes for a possible lead.

KHOMEYNI CONDEMNS NATIONAL FRONT, ISLAM'S OPPONENTS

LD151346 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1041 GMT 15 Jun 81

[Speech by Ayatollah Khomeyni Ruhollah to people from Iranshahr, Shash, Sistan va Baluchestan Province and the Mashhad United Bus Company on 15 June at Hoseyniyeh Jamaran--recorded]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. This is a gathering today attended by Mazandaran Province ulema, the Sunni ulema, by brothers from the United Bus Company as well as other people from other walks of life. In this gathering, attended by our Sunni and Shi'te brothers, I must raise certain issues and tell you what is in my heart.

When I was fighting the sinister Pahlavi regime, I knew quite clearly where I stood. I had recognized that this was a regime engaged in activities contrary to the interests of Islam and Muslims; I had recognized that this regime had led our country on the side of America; that it had left the country's interests to be overshadowed by the two superpowers, with the rest having been pocketed by relatives, being deposited in banks and abroad, and maybe more.

In those days I knew where I stood. In other words, one knew quite well where one stood vis-a-vis a group or a regime which had clearly stood up against the interests of the country and Islam. Consequently, we were not afraid at all of mobilizing the nation against such a regime, doing whatever we could in the service of Islam. It seems we did just that, with you, the Iranian nation, having joined hands, having established the Islamic Republic by shouting "God is great" and "The prophet, His messenger," and having established independence and freedom. Thank God, the Islamic Republic has already been established through decisive votes by the nation followed by certain miraculous events and the establishment of an independent and lawful government in this country.

But, unfortunately, we are now faced with minigroups which do not expressly say that they do not believe in Islam and Islamic principles, that they do not believe in acting according to Islam. If this were the case, our duty would have been obvious and we would have acted as we did in the past. On the other hand, these people are not sitting quietly and they do not intend to follow the rules of the country and the rules and principles of Islam. We are caught between two stools: Should we deal with these people as we did with Mohammad Reza, or should we ask them to be peaceful and calm, and ask them to comply with the laws?

I would like to find out what constitutes the basis for the march announced for today. I have seen two statements issued by the National Front inviting people to march. In one of these statements one of the motives for this march mentioned is the bill of retribution, that is to say, that they have invited people to stand against the bill of retribution. The other statement refers to this bill as the inhuman bill. They invite the Muslim people to march against the bill of retribution.

What does this mean? It means they are asking the people to march against the holy Koran. They invite you to rise, resist and march against the holy Koran. The text of the holy Koran indicates that for both Shi'ite and Sunni brothers it is necessary to believe that this Koran is from God and that whatever is stated in the Koran should be accepted. The task of retribution has been emphasized in several instances in the Koran, and the bill of retribution is one of the Koranic issues. They have asked the people they call Muslims to hold this march, they have asked people to rise against Koran, to rise against the major decrees of Islam.

Those who belong to certain fronts are well known. From the very beginning when the fronts began to work Islam was not their main issue; their main issue was nationalism. I have my doubts about this as well becuase their leaders, who were famous for their nationalism, rose against the nation and we witnessed it. Now that they are in Paris, they invite the superpowers to act against this nation. These superpowers have every means at their disposal; they have nationalists, religious people and even clergymen.

What astonishes me most is not that the statement issued by the National Front mentions the inhuman bill of retribution, this inhuman decree of the Koran, this inhuman decree of Islam, and that they ask people to gather, rise against Islam and resist it. I expected this from them. I stressed and asked whether those who supported this march have read the National Front statement. Have they read that one of the motives for this invitation to march is to rise against the Koran? They have not said it in so many words, but this is the reality behind it. Have they ignored the fact that this march is to confront Islam, the Islamic Republic and the government of Islam?

I do not want to dwell on whether the Raja'i government is active or not, or whether it has taken certain steps that should be confronted. I do not want to discuss whether the Islamic Majlis is from the nation or not. I do not want to discuss whether the judicial branch is carrying out its duties or not. I do not want to dwell on these things now.

If this march had been organized to guide the people it would have been acceptable and could have been allowed to take place. But this march is against Islam and against the Koran; it is against the express decrees of Islam; how can you interpret that?

I do not wish to deal with the members of the National Front here, although some of them might be Muslims. I wish to discuss those who have expressed their allegiance with this front, with the hypocrites, with the corrupt. I would like to discuss those people. I want to ask them: You who are religious and claim to be religious, how can you interpret this act? Is your religious duty limited to issuing statements against the Majlis and the government? Is all your religious duty limited to asking people to rebel against the Islamic government and the Islamic Majlis? Is encouraging people to do good and discouraging them from doing evil limited to discouraging the Islamic government from what it is doing, and in such crushing terms at that, and then by inciting people to rise and to rebel? Faced with this statement by the National Front, which directly contradicts the holy Koran, faced with this appeal asking people to march against the holy law, do you not have other duties?

The gentlemen have already fulfilled all their duties; there remains only one and that is to disrupt the Islamic Republic. Are we to think that of all the duties binding on us, whether we be writers, intellectuals, on the fronts, in the crusades or any others? Have they all been crystallized in our action to present the Islamic Republic abroad as other than what it is?

Are we to call on the people to rebel against the Islamic Republic? Are we to think that everything else has been put right, that this is the only thing unfinished? When agitators are busy agitating all over Iran, dissenters are active and we are also infected with the war (?against the superpowers), our country is at war and is also busy with this within. There are various groups that, using your names as an excuse, come out into the streets and injure and at times kill our youths. Is there not reason for avoiding evil deeds?

You are inviting them to rebel. Is this not an invitation to do evil? Is it not an invitation to corruption? I am sorry. I am very sorry that I cannot predict the future. I did not know what their nature was. I used to see some of them. I was kind to them but I did not know that they rebelled against the Koran. I did not know that; I did not know that they would form a coalition--have one center of coalition--and form a coalition with dissenters whose nature is known to the well-read. They formed a coalition with these fronts [presumably the National Front] that took the mask off their faces and openly invited the Muslim citizens to come and [oppose] the decrees of the Koran--the inhuman decrees of the Koran. Strength comes only from God. [sentence spoken in Arabic]

In an Islamic country should they block Islam and the Koran before the very eyes of Muslims thus and should this be approved by such and such authority? An invitation to rebellion? Against what? Against the explicit direction of the Koran. Today the invitation to march at 1400 is--according to what is written in their communique--an invitation to march about this inhuman decree of Islam. [sentence indistinct]

What should we do with those who claim friendship and have taken their axes to Islam's roots? In all the (?history) of the reign of Reza Khan and Mohammad Reza, such an insult was not dealt to the holy Koran.

Muslims should realize that there is a way at the moment, there is such a technique in the works [as heard] that they have removed their masks out of their lack of skill. Those who want to participate in this march have indicated their willingness to do so, approved participation by others or invited people to participate. Do they know the meaning of this act? Woe unto the nation that has such people as nationalists and such faithful, who claim faithfulness, or such leaders. If they have done so without realizing it, then how could they have invited people to march in support of the National Front--if they had not seen the National Front communique? The Tehran and Esfahan bazaars should close and everyone should rebel and resist. Against what? Against the inhuman retribution bill! The inhuman decree of the Koran!

What should we do with them? What should we do with these pseudoholy people who support them and who formed a coalition with them and the dissenters with whom they had a coalition from the beginning? What should we do with these Muslims who pray? When I said we should discuss our problems, it was because...[sentence left unfinished; follows verse of a poem by poet Sa'di] Sa'di, we are hurt most by our friends. What do we do with these pseudofriends? The gentlemen, whatever they say and whenever they issue a communique, have one thing [in mind]. That is law. From the beginning the law should be obeyed. This year has been named the year of law, meaning implementation of the law. Gentlemen, all the organizations operating in Iran do so on the basis of the law. The Islamic Consultative Assembly has been set up by law. The Council of Guardians was approved by law. The government was chosen by the law. If you really want to act according to the law--and we want all of you to act according to the law--when you came and it was agreed that your papers and your speeches should not agitate, did you then act according to your promises? Did you come and agree--when you decided to fight each other...[sentence left unfinished] It was agreed to form a three-man committee--one representative of the president, one chosen by the others and one chosen by myself. They were to be judges. When they went and saw the offenses and talked, at some point they said in their paper that such judgment is like that of the Abu Musa 'Ashari [chosen as Imam 'Ali's representative against M'aviyeh]. Thus, the three, one of which was chosen by Bani-Sadr and one by the Majlis and by the other two--that is, the Majlis speaker and the other two [Raja'i, Beheshti]--and the one chosen by me--their judgment is comparable to the one handed down by Abu Musa 'Ashari against Imam 'Ali.

I assume their judgment was like that of Abu Musa. That is my assumption. Is such an accusation printed by such a paper against a number of faithful and educated individuals, one of whom was chosen by himself, true? They should come and act in the same manner as Imam 'Ali. He chose Abu Musa under pressure when he did not want to; he was pressed into it by his friends when he really wanted to choose someone else. His friends, however, pressured him--the friends whom he should complain of--forced him to accept Abu Musa as a good choice for the job. He chose him. When Abu Musa came out with that judgment [for M'Aviyeh and against Imam 'Ali concerning leadership of the empire], the same friends wanted to go against it. Imam 'Ali resisted this. He said now that the judgment...[sentence left unfinished] They had judged against him. They had refused him the caliphate and gave it to M'aviyeh. Imam 'Ali said the judgment had to be respected even though it was against him.

Well, you who have such claims should be like Imam 'Ali. (?Why say they have) made a mistake and you have not? You have said this. Whom do you accept? These gentlemen who have formed a coalition--the gentlemen who have formed a coalition with the dissenters--have they formed this to upset the country? Have they formed a coalition to create disturbances? You who have formed a coalition, what is it for? The gentlemen say: We do not accept this game; let us begin again. I said yesterday to them: Was this way chosen by the nation or not? If it was not chosen by the nation, then let us see who has chosen it.

Where did the votes come from? Such a large number of votes. They voted in such large numbers for the Constitution. The same dissenters did not vote for it on the other side. The same people, the same ones. Of course, not the faithful branch of them. All this that came about was because of the votes of these people.

Well, you say you accept the people. Who does not accept these people? These people made the decision, so if you accept it and say that the criterion is the vote of the people, it is there. Have you formed a coalition to oust the Islamic Consultative Assembly? Have you formed it to oust the judiciary or the government? What are the coalitions for? What sort of coalitions are they? I had (?misgivings) in my mind about some of them from the beginning, but I waited. I waited and advised. I waited and whenever they came, I invited them to Islam and to act according to law. I invited them to defend the Islamic Republic. My feeling grew slowly and now I see that the dissenters are on the scene and approve. When I see that the front which is against Islam approves, it is my religious duty not to [words indistinct].

How can I remain silent and ask them to come and talk when I see that things are happening against Islam and our country? If I had the slightest idea that they would return to Islam and remain faithful to the Constitution--they have sworn to do this--and accept Islam's rules, if I had the slightest feeling due to a reason which I have told these gentlemen about, I would have invited them and forced them to sit together and act according to the law. However, it requires ignorance and simple-mindedness to... [sentence left unfinished]

These groups formed a coalition--this National Front--and are planning to stage a march against Islam with the Muslims sitting by witnessing articles being written against Islam, articles offensive to Islam, articles labeling Islam's decree non-Islamic. When I see this kind of coalition, then what should I do with the praying faithful masses? I liked them; I still like some of them. What, then, are we to do with these people? Why do you not make your stance clear? I tell you now: Separate yourselves from them. As soon as you realize that the communists are against Islam, the gentlemen invited them to join them. [sentence as heard]

Well, the National Front's position is clear. They have openly risen against Islam. You, however, who are Muslims and do not ever wish to rise against Islam, I wonder why there is so much carnal desire blinding your action. Why should Satan dominate us so powerfully that we have been blinded and our hearts turned upside down? Come and separate yourself from them.

Does the liberation movement accept what the National Front has said? Have they accepted this decree--the retribution decree, which is in the holy Koran and necessary to all Muslims--as inhuman? Do these who pray at night accept this or not? I have no doubt that they do not accept this. Then say no. Why have you remained silent? Does the code of forbidding wrongdoing apply to me alone? Is this code only for crushing the government and the Majlis? Are you trying to aovid doing evil? What evil? Do you say that when the man invites you to march against this inhuman decree of Islam that this march should take place while the Muslims simply stand by and witness the prophet of God and the Koran being (?insulted)? It is an (?insult) to the Koran for Muslims to stand by and watch a group which was wrong from the beginning--I know this from their roots--a group which was strongly opposed to Islam and the clergy from the very beginning... [sentence left unfihished]

In the beginning, when the late Ayatollah Kashani [active in 1950's in the nationalization of the oil industry under Mossadeq] realized that they were sowing discord and said so, these people took a dog outside the Majlis and called it "ayatollah." This was when the shah was ruling. He was not a Muslim. I was visiting one of Tehran's ulema when I heard this, about the dog wearing glasses and being taken abround the streets as an ayatollah. It was then that I told the gentlemen that this no longer was opposition to the shah.

It was not long before he slapped and it was not long before he was slapped. Had he remained, he would have slapped Islam. These are the dregs of that group which now call retaliation--the necessary decree of Islam--inhuman.

Well, up to a point we know where we stand against them. We shall make the situation clear when it is advisable. However, what are we to do with those who say their prayers? These were the same people who put his holiness the amir [Imam 'Ali]--well, I do not want to say I am Imam 'Ali and they the Khavarej; I am one member of the nation just like you--in a dangerous situation where he was unable to do anything. When I say that there are all the gentlemen of the Sunni or Shi'ite sects, that there are the ulema [words indistinct] of Mazandaran and that of the Sunni, then I address them thus [words indistinct].

All the ulema of the Sunni and Shi'ite sects and all the (?sects) of Islam; all the nation of Islam, the nation which from the beginning revolted for Islam and the Koran, the nation that during many years--approximately 2 decades and recently several years--toiled such and accepted such (?hardship), gave so many youth and lost families, clearly said that they wanted the Islamic Republic. The Islamic Republic means that the regime should be Islamic and the government should be Islamic, and so should the laws. You should look at the old laws, the laws approved during [word indistinct] by the nation and the (?amendments) to the law which were put there through the efforts of the late Sheykh Fazlollah Nuri and voted on by the nation, adhere to this law of the past, the law under whose banner you are shouting, the law which your kindred friend [former Prime Minister Bakhtiar] was advocating while he was in Iran and prior to his escape. Come and act according to this law. It says that any law opposed to Islam is not law. It says that any law opposed to Islam is not law. Therefore, all laws should be Islamic. You do not even accept this and say that retribution--this clear and necessary Islamic law, the law which has been [words indistinct] by the Koran and guarantees the security and interests of the country--is an inhuman law. You were decadent from the roots. I am talking about the group which approves of them.

Gentlemen, correct yourselves. Why are you struggling so for the (?things) of this world? Should human beings struggle for the world so that a group which has (?opposed) the Koran and invited communists to oppose Islam is approved by you? If you are (?interpreting) the Koran and avoiding wrongdoing, then come and oppose them. Say that what they have done is blasphemy. If someone says that God's order is inhuman, Islam is inhuman, then he is an infidel. Come and say this.

Your pretence of adherance to avoiding any wrongdoing is to weaken some of islam's ulema, to weaken some Islamic organizations--all is summed up in this. Whenever the gentlemen issue communiques and give speeches and wherever they deliver speeches, their aim is to say that the Islamic Republic is useless. To live, we should be in the arms of the United States or the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union is atheistic but the United States is not. It is very correct and good, or better than the former. We should be with them. What kind of thinking is that? Why should it be this way? I am very sorry, I am very sorry. What makes me feel sorry is to face this group, to face those who did not let Imam 'Ali finish his duties. If these persons have true faith in Islam and find it necessary to avoid any wrongdoing, what wrongdoing is worse than saying that the Koran is inhuman and to invite people to do this? They are inviting people to march. Against whom? On which side? To support whom? To support those who are saying that the retribution law is an inhuman law. Should a Muslim support this? With a group which is Muslim but their political views are not complete and unfortunately they are scholars, I do not wish to...[sentence left unfinished] One of the ulema asked: How do you regard this or that scholar? He said this scholar had less intellect or his knowledge was greater than his intellect, or that the scholar's intellect was less than his knowledge. His knowledge was great but his intellect less. About some of these personalities, I should say that they have knowledge but their intellect is not in proportion to their intelligence. All of you are aware of what they did to themselves and what they are doing. You gentlemen who consider avoiding any wrongdoing obligatory--and it indeed is obligatory and one of Islam's necessities--should you not urge your friends not to issue orders against the Koran, not invite action against the Koran?

Should the Islamic authorities and Islamic world's ulema keep quiet and not say anything? Should they keep quiet against the [words indistinct] Holy Koran? Should they be quiet against the person who considers--despite the obligatory orders of Islam--what is (?written) in the Almighty's book as inhuman? They are inviting rebellion against the retribution law. You gentlemen are inviting people to rebel. Rebellion against whom? Rebellion against the Islamic Republic, the Islamic Republic that was established with the blood of the people. And now the same people should march and rebel in the streets and ask that these inhuman laws be set aside. The Islamic Republic is useless. All these organizations are lies--all wrong. If there are faults, you would, for instance, say that the judiciary has not been able to carry out its duties. You should cooperate in order to allow it to do so. If you say that the government cannot correct the economy of this country in 1 day, you come and do it. There should not be words and slogans.

I can sit here and claim that we can destroy the world in 1 day. Do not say: You cannot, you cannot do it. Is it possible for Mr Raja'i to correct the economy of this country in 1 day--the country that they left us destroyed and which you are worsening day by day? And you are inviting (?people) to do wrong. You have taken the calm from this country. If it were up to you, it would have been destroyed by now. These poor people are trying to rebuild it--if you let them do so. But the economic problem is not...[sentence left unfinished] Agriculture is good. Should this gentleman's farmers carry on their farming and the industrialists carry on their work and the workers carry on the work and the unemployed be given jobs--all these are good--can you do all these things? Can you correct Iran's agricultural problems immediately? All the unemployment that is in England--and even more in the United States--those objects of worship--could not be solved. Well, there you have it. Be my guest. But the problem is not this; the problem is that they do not want these things.

In an Islamic government and in the ministries whenever they want to discuss something, they read verses from the Koran. Why do they read the Koran? These reactionaries are reading the Koran at the ministry and you are against this.

I am not referring to the religious group; I still have faith in them even though they are inflicting blows. But I have differentiated between them and I pray to God that they should break away from these groups and join the rest of the people and not swim toward the blasphemy.

They should not swim against the raging tide. You have made a big mistake. You think that since you issued a couple of statements against [the shah] during the time of Mohammad Reza and the people liked you, if you now issue statements against the government of the nation or things, the people will like you? Such a comparison is your mistake. When I say that you have no political insight, that is why. Now you are to gain power--and I know that there is no question of (?God) [words indistinct]. There is no question of God; there seems to be only evil. Well, come and separate yourselves from those who announced their opposition to Islam in their communique and invited the communists, the communists to whom you are the archenemy. The United States is their archenemy. Come and separate yourself from them. Today is not too late. Come and announce on Iran's radio, announce that the National Front statement in which the people are invited to (?oppose) the retaliation and other bills in one and referred to another one to inhuman bills which means the same thing. [as heard] Are they twins? Come now, those who believe in Islam--and I know that you do, you who believe in avoiding evil deeds and I know it is so--if the Satan within you allows your mind to work, then come and condemn this event. [Words indistinct] and listen that the liberation front has announced that the National Front communique is heathen and has [word indistinct] Koran.

Do not keep saying that Raja'i is uneducated. His intellect is greater than his education. Some of you have more knowledge than intellect. I was unable to and really wanted to... [sentence left unfinished ] I am sorry that they dug their own graves. I did not want this to be. I would accept repentance now.

Islam would accept it. Let them go and repent on radio and television and say: We made mistakes and were wrong. It was wrong for us to invite people to rebel. We made a coalition with the opposition.

I told this gentleman several times that this group would destroy him. The individuals who surrounded him have wolves among them who would blow him an ill wind. He did not listen. It is not too late. Those who have faith should announce that the invitation to march is an invitation to oppose Islam, as it clearly is. The gentleman should also go and apologize to the nation. He should say: I did not act according to the will of the nation, which voted for me, but I will do so from now on. It should be not so that [words indistinct]. However, I do not accept the Majlis, judiciary, the Council of Guardians or the three-man committee, one of whom I myself appointed. [word indistinct]

If this is not there, then the (?rest does not matter). What should we do when I say that we should think of something for these friends? I did not want them to reach the point they have reached. I did not want the situation to become so. I did not want this people and this nation--whose first year of the Islamic Republic this is--to have their minds become so agitated because of your kind. I did not want you to form a coalition with those who are against Islam and their [words indistinct].

What can I do? You did not listen to my advice. I am offering guidance now to the faithful members of the liberation front and to the president to avoid blocking the march of Islam. To avoid weakening the Majlis, the clergy, the nation and their morale, the morale of the army, stop this and come and sit down like brothers. You be the legal president and act according to the law and you be the Majlis deputies, respected, faithful. Separate yourselves from those who have been (?banished). The National Front is condemned as of today. [chants of "God is great" and "Khomeyni is the leader" followed by partially indistinct chants]

Yes. The National Front may also say: We did not issue this communique. If they come to the radio (?in the afternoon) and (?if they come and) announce that this communique that calls all Muslims barbaric was not from us, if they admit that it was not on their behalf, we shall accept this also. Islam's door to forgiveness is always open for all Muslims. In its history, when Yazid asked Hazrat (?Shaddad) if he could forgive, he replied: Yes, of course. The doors of forgiveness are always open. And Yazid, who had committed those crimes [words indistinct], said: I cannot succeed in obtaining forgiveness [words indistinct] if one is a prophet [words indistinct] but he cannot obtain forgiveness.

Second, there is a chance that these gentlemen may not succeed in being forgiven. I emphasize that there is still time. Until (?the body) enters the grave, the doors of forgiveness are open. The blessings of God are always (?there). Come and repent for your actions, for the rebellion you have incited, for the opposition you have shown to Islam. Come and repent. Try. Your penitence will be accepted. Be brothers among yourselves. Take this country forward. Do not sit and say: They are ruining everything, ruining the country. Who is ruining the country?

Let the nation take into account everything this government, which is trying its utmost and making the effort, is doing--roads, helping war victims, sending aid to the warfronts. Its only fault is that it is Muslim and does not wish to think in any un-Islamic way. You should overlook this solitary fault. Is it trying to disintegrate the nation? This Majlis which the people themselves witness, how many heavy burdens it carries, not to mention your curses. It is working hard for you. It is composed of scholars and (?learned men) with the exception of a few. They are the ones who are working hard. Are they ruining the country, they whose knowledge of jurisprudence is above question? We have no shortage in the scientific department, but if we are deficient in the judicial department, we are trying day and night to eliminate this shortcoming. Are they destroying the country?

One of the things that they are using as a pretext in the National Front communique is asking why the universities are closed. The university has produced the likes of you. [laughter]

If the university is opened 20 years later, the same kind of people as you, who do not accept Islam, will be produced. You call the tenets of Islam barbaric. We want to prepare a university for the nation. You are working against the interest of the nation. This nation is (?comprised of) the same people who are working hard in the bazaars for the country. We want a university that does not produce the likes of you, a university that produces individuals dedicated to Islam. If they are dedicated to Islam, they will not pull us toward the East or West. Nor will they have your narrowmindedness to say: We cannot.

Did you not want his majesty until the last moment? Did you say that he should not govern? You were like that to the very end. [Words indistinct] from this National Front, from Mirza Shirazi, you are all angry. I say it myself in a newspaper. How much tobacco has he manufactured? [as heard] Until Kashani, all the clergymen who were under the imperial government worked for Islam. Shirazi worked for Islam. Kashani and [name indistinct] worked for Islam. Try to find the analogy with the (?work done under) the Islamic Republic of Iran. Find the National Front. Mirza Shirazi has been accused of lying. They have been denounced so severely. Their only fault was that they said the law should be Islamic. Their crime was that the orders of the retribution bill are inhuman. Of course, they are human. They were treated badly and destroyed. Now you tell me that the (?clergymen) are lying.

Let us talk about Kashani. His only crime was making Islam prevail in Iran. And you say that the Western system is progressive and we want the progressive system, your attitude is like that of those legal experts who [words indistinct] and did not speak eloquently like you. And I always said that during the entire reign of Reza Shah there was nothing Islamic. The National Front has made (?everything) Islamic.

I beseech Almighty God that all may be reformed and return to the fold of Islam. I beseech God not to permit anything unpleasant to happen. God's blessings be on you.

PEOPLE DEMONSTRATE IN SUPPORT OF KHOMEYNI SPEECH

LD151444 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1415 GMT 15 Jun 81

[Unscheduled announcement]

[Text] Dear listeners: The broadcasting of the highly charged and crushing speech by the imam of the nation has changed the color of Tehran and various Iranian cities. Despite the fact that the imam's very important speech was carried only a few hours ago, declarations of support and the unprecedented welcome by the people were beyond expectations. Right now hundreds of thousands of our compatriots in Tehran and the provinces, while chanting the crushing "God is great" slogans, have raised to high heaven the shouts of their anger and hatred against the perpetrators who aroused the imam's anger. The exposed imperialist minigroups have had to flee, faced with the united onslaught by the people, especially in sensitive areas of the city; they have once again crept into a corner. The presence of thousands of shroudwearing people in the streets of Tehran--the angry faces of the people, shouting and raising their fists, thus demonstrating their anger against the enemies of the revolution--is praiseworthy.

Further on Demonstrations

NC151846 Paris AFP in English 1837 GMT 15 Jun 81

[Excerpts] Tehran, 15 Jun (AFP)--Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr today suffered a double defeat when a demonstration called in his support was overwhelmed by a counter-demonstration and he was forced to reaffirm his loyalty to religious leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni.

The ayatollah, who has been given the title "guide of the revolution," emerged as the victor in a showdown in the current Iranian political crisis.

The National Front, which was founded by former Prime Minister Mohammad Mossadeq, who was ousted from power by the late shah in August 1953, had called a demonstration for today in defiance of a ban on such public protests.

Although the National Front declared that the demonstration was intended to seek support in the struggle "against repression," the march was in reality regarded as a move to whip up support for Mr Bani-Sadr.

Ayatollah Khomeyni stripped Mr Bani-Sadr of his power to direct Iran's military forces last Wednesday.

Vast crowds, shouting "Death to Bani-Sadr," marched toward the center of the capital. By the time that the National Front demonstration had been scheduled to begin, Ferdowsi Square in the heart of the city was totally occupied by Mr Bani-Sadr's enemies.

The crowds shouted that "the liberals are in their mouseholes" and no group of supporters of the president raised their voices in reply.

For the next several hours, marchers carrying portraits of Ayatollah Khomeyni, Premier Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i and various religious leaders strolled through the streets calling for Mr Bani-Sadr's death.

Women in the traditional chador dress and handicapped persons joined in the demonstration against the "heretics."

Many of the marchers carried signs calling on parliament to act against Mr Bani-Sadr's "political imcompetence" during a closed-door session on the current situation that has been requested by 120 members. The session is scheduled for tomorrow.

Religious extremists patrolled the streets in open trucks or in squadrons of motorcycles.

People who stood on the sidelines were systematically searched by Islamic security forces, who also dispersed groups of spectators.

When the marchers finally dispersed this evening, the official news agency PARS reported that two people had been injured in "minor" incidents during the protest.

PARS also said that "several" people had been arrested for "seeking to cause agitation" during the marches. Later tonight, thousands of Tehran residents climbed to the roofs of their homes to shout "God is great" as a sign of support for the ayatollah. The gesture was urged by the Iranian radio.

Mr Bani-Sadr and leaders of former Premier Mehdi Bazargan's Movement for the Liberation of Iran (MLI) moved quickly in response to Ayatollah Khomeyni's radio address.

One hour after the ayatollah spoke, Mr Bazargan issued a communique read over the radio in which he called on MLI members to condemn the National Front's scheduled demonstration.

Soon afterward, Mr Bani-Sadr issued two communiques, the first of which reaffirmed his loyalty to the ayatollah. In the message, the president denied that he had "incited the people to revolt."

In his second message, the president explained why his response to the ayatollah was not being televized as the religious leader had demanded. He said that his absence from the public scene during the last four days was due to "health reasons."

His second message was regarded as a further attempt to overcome the rift that has developed between him and the ayatollah.

The paramilitary guardians of the revolution announced late today that they had arrested eight members of the "presidential intelligence service."

The presidential office said that it knew of no arrests and denied that there was such a "center of intelligence."

## Tehran Clergy Statement

LD151758 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 15 Jun 81

[Statement issued by the association of the militant clergy of Tehran in support of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni's 15 June speech]

[Excerpts] In His exalted name. At a time when the Muslim and martyr-nurturing Iranian nation is fighting against the world powers and the external enemies of the Islamic revolution of Iran; at a time when we are daily defending the honor and [words indistinct] of Islam and Iran by sacrificing the blood of our loved ones; at a time when our nation, with the grace of God, through its peerless resistance and epic works--especially during the past few days when they have come under the direct command of the great leader and guide of the Islamic world--is about to destroy the blood-thirsty regime of Iraq and its masters, the unholy alliance of infidels, hypocrites, monarchists and the politically bankrupt is busy creating sedition and inciting an atmosphere of tension and disorder in the country to pave the way for its foreign masters.

Despite the clear orders of the imam of the nation and the statement of the central revolutionary prosecutor, which forbid any kind of unauthorized marches or demonstrations, people have been invited to march in protest against the Islamic order and the retribution bill, a compulsory Islamic principle.

Following the precious remarks and the prophet-like guidelines of the imam of the nation, may his shadow continue, for the umpteenth time we, the association of the militant clergy of Tehran, warn all the individuals and groups who engage in such incitement, in these divisive and blasphemous activities, to reassess their political equations and realize the depth of the Islamic revolution of Iran.

We urge you not to play anymore with the blood of tens of thousands of martyrs, not to hurt the heart of the beloved imam and the feelings of the noble nation and to be frightened of the day when the patience of the uprisen nation is exhausted and everyone's fate will be decided in front of a trial bench.

Meanwhile, we ask the Islamic Consultative Assembly to decide Mr Bani-Sadr's legal fate as soon as possible--if he does not repent his past incorrect positions, actions and remarks at the earliest possible opportunity; if he does not apologize to the imam and the nation; and if he does not formally announce, through the mass media, his submission to the law--by discussing the petition of 120 honorable Majlis deputies, a petition that expresses the wishes of the majority of the nation.

As in the past, we expect all of the brave and wakeful people of Iran to neutralize, through their vigilance and their presence on the scene, the conspiracies of the aliens, the enemies of Islam and the enemies of the velayat-e faqih. Greetings.

[Signed] The association of the militant clergy of Tehran

## Public Prosecutor Warning

LD151238 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 15 Jun 81

["Warning" statement by the Islamic revolution public prosecutor for the Central Province--date not given]

[Text] According to the strong decree of Imam Khomeyni today, all those who are in any way involved or who have taken part in the illegal and blasphemous demonstrations of U.S. minigroups are hereby cautioned that after being arrested, and according to the holy principles of Islam for which 70,000 martyrs and 100,000 disabled are [words indistinct], they will be charged with being rebellious, corrupt, and wagers of war and they will be dealt with according to the revolution.

Also, the courageous and self-sacrificing people are asked to be vigilant and show their presence on the scene to the antihuman and counterrevolutionary elements and not to allow the anti-Islamic minigroups the slightest chance of demonstrating or taking any action. The office of the Islamic revolution public prosecutor for the Central Province will severely follow up any violation of the law or of the imam's decree broadcast today, and will prosecute the violators in the Islamic Revolution Courts.

## BAZARGAN DENIES NATIONAL FRONT INVOLVEMENT

LD151220 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1200 GMT 15 Jun 81

[Unscheduled announcement: Statement issued in Tehran by former Prime Minister Mohammad 'Ali Bazargan]

[Text] Despite certain rumors in the city concerning an order having been issued by the Liberation Movement [Nehzat-e Azadi] for a march, we announce that not only has the National Front had no contact with the Liberation Movement about today's march, but no call or statement has been issued by the Liberation Movement of Iran about today's march.

## AFP: BANI-SADR REITERATES FIDELITY TO KHOMEYNI

GF151444 Paris AFP in English 1441 GMT 15 Jun 81

[Excerpts] Tehran, 15 Jun (AFP)--President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr today reiterated his "fidelity" to Ayatollah Khomeyni and rejected the ayatollah's charges that he had "incited the people to revolt" and forged an alliance with the left-Islamic "People's Mojahedin."

"If I call on the people to resist flagrant illegality," he asked, "is that an appeal to revolt or an appeal to respect the law?"

Mr Bani-Sadr was replying to a speech by the ayatollah carried on Tehran radio early today.

"I think that your attitude toward me is not right," Mr Bani-Sadr said, adding that "certain people" were feeding lies to the ayatollah in order to "deprive the country of its pious and competent sons."

Mr Bani-Sadr asked in an apparent reference to his opponents: "If rallies are not permitted, why in recent days is a certain group allowed to demonstrate, chant slogans, fight, arrest and kidnap people?"

"If the revolutionary prosecutor, without the necessary evidence, closes newspapers in violation of the Constitution and laws on the press, must I not say whether it is against the law or not?"

Ayatollah Khomeyni attacked Mr Bani-Sadr last week for opposing Iranian law and Islam after the president fought closing of his newspaper ISLAMIC REVOLUTION.

The president told Ayatollah Khomeyni in an open message distributed to the press: "I have no bad intention toward you or the country. I served the country in all sincerity. It is in the midst of crisis and as long as the law is not respected the situation will continue to deteriorate."

Mr Bani-Sadr proposed a televised debate between himself and his rivals "once calm returns" to Iran's volatile political scene. He told the ayatollah: "My loyalty to you does not change even if your anger is very strong."

TEHRAN COMMENTS ON 'DEFEAT' OF NATIONAL FRONT

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[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] When he, the spirit of God [Persian for Ruhollah], gave the call of: There is no power or might except with God, the power of God flowed from the powerful throats of the endless flood of the Hezbollah [Party of God] and from the strong fist of the Muslim and martyr-nurturing people. What happened in Tehran today was not merely the defeat in disgrace of the counterrevolutionary minigroups; today the line of dependence upon the East and the West was exposed and another U.S. conspiracy which the United States had publicized for more than a week was defeated. Today the multitudes of the brave and Muslim people of Tehran gave a decisive answer to the idle talk of foreign loudspeakers: Unity, faith, belief in the revolution and the union between the leader and the nation were demonstrated.

The line dependent upon the West under the name of the National Front and the minigroup of the hypocrites and their collaborating Marxists and exposed compromisers who were kicked out the door after the occupation of the American den of espionage wished to return through the window and to reverse the defeat of their masters. Therefore, they announced a march for today. For more than 2 weeks, the Israeli radio, the Voice of America and the mercenary Bakhtiar rose to their support. Western propaganda organs engaged in such publicity as though today was the day America could be brought back to Iran. In order to show their servility, the hypocrites did their utmost in the hope of making this day a great catastrophe for the Islamic revolution. They wished to sacrifice a number of innocent youths for the sake of their inhuman goals. However, the martyr-nurturing people of Tehran and throughout Iran once again demonstrated that the slogan "You are the idol smasher, Khomeyni; you are my life, Khomeyni" is fused with their being and that they are steadfast to their last breath with their slogan "Death to the enemy of the velayat-e faqih, death to America."

Although today the so-called National Front had called for a march and the Mojahedin-e Khalq brought all their administrative ability to the service of this counterrevolutionary movement, the people demonstrated what the national Islamic front is like and where it is. The politically bankrupt and those compromisers who had adopted a policy of patience and expectation for the wicked days of the destroyed shah regarded today as their day and imagined that through their futile movement, assisted by the propaganda wave of the imperialist and Zionist propaganda agencies, would destroy the united and solid ranks of the Hezbollah.

However, the roaring flood and the orderly and solid movement of the martyr-nurturing people taught them such a lesson that like the fugitive Bakhtiar they crept into their homes and chose flight to remaining on the scene and waiting.

The martyr-nurturing people of Tehran sent a message to their children on the battle-fronts that they will fight on two fronts in the same battle against world oppressors. Their brave children, who have frequently expressed their anxiety from the battlelines about the treachery of the hypocrites and the compromisers, today heard from the martyr-nurturing people of Tehran: In the same ways that you on the frontlines rub the noses of the infidel Saddamists in the dust, we too behind the lines with steadfastness and determination will neutralize the evil conspiracy of the hypocrites and the dependent compromisers. The people who shouted: "All of us are your soldiers, Khomeyni; our ears are bent toward your orders, Khomeyni" showed all those who had asked for another referendum what the people want and what they say, and that they will not allow any U.S. conspiracy at the hands of the hypocrites and the compromisers. Today, the sovereignty of law and order became manifest and in front of the Islamic Consultative Assembly the people decisively asked their deputies not to give any further opportunity to the conspirators who follow the U.S. line.

The great, multitudinous flood of the people throughout Tehran, especially in front of the Islamic Consultative Assembly, was a manifest example of the sovereignty of law and order, which was the blood money of our martyrs, the Constitution of the Islamic Republic. Today, with the crushing shouts of our Muslim people, the babbling of the West and its domestic mercenaries was nipped in the bud.

SHIRAZ FRIDAY IMAM TELLS PEOPLE TO OBEY KHOMEYNI

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[Text of statement by Shiraz Friday Imam Ayatollah Dastgheyb on 15 June--recorded]

[Excerpts] A communique was issued by the National Front inviting people to join a procession in violation of the retaliation bill, which they have crossed out and deemed inhuman, making the task of Muslims difficult. They should either refute this through the media as not coming from them or repent. Otherwise, they will be ostracized from the ranks of true Muslims and prosecuted in this connection.

Can one consider himself a Muslim but be friendly with and assist the enemies of Islam? Is it not contradictory?

Today, when the forces of East and West, especially the world-devouring United States, are at war with Islam and are striving to defeat the Islamic Government of Iran, it is obligatory on all Muslims, men and women, to defend Islam.

The president should realize that if he accepts velayat-e faqih--for he accepted his post on the orders of the imam and should not exceed the limits set for him under the Constitution--then this position is Islamic, for him. But if he considers himself independent, says that the nation voted for him, violates the law, and does not recognize the Islamic Majlis and the judicial machinery and instead of maintaining law and order and security creates violence and anarchy and says that since the people voted for him he must govern, then he should know that his government is a government of lackeys. It is then obligatory on all Muslims to oppose him, just as they opposed and overthrew the Pahlavi government. And let it be known to him that the nation did not vote to establish a corrupt lackey government. They voted for him to govern in an Islamic manner and in the way specified. The duty of the Majlis is to interpellate him, and if he agrees to obey the law, it will be very good. The jurisdiction of Muslims should be demarcated by the Islamic Majlis.

I beseech the Muslim nation to remain calm on this subject in case a group in favor or against stirs up trouble or causes violence. This year, according to the decree of the imam of the nation, is the rule of law. All functions should be in accordance with the law. The nation should have nothing to do with this march but should wait and see what the law says.

All, including the president, should be subordinate to the law. If the Majlis wishes to interrogate him, he should reply and obey. If he has problems he should clarify his stand and bear his responsibilities.

I request the nation to remain calm and support the law so that it can be implemented. I heard the speech of the imam of the nation. Groups who have hurt his noble heart should know that they are incurring the wrath of the Almighty.

CLERGYMEN ISSUE JUDGMENT, ENDORSE RETRIBUTION BILL

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[Text] Following the very important speech made by Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which referred to the retribution law and those who oppose it, Ayatollah Golpayegani was asked: What is the opinion of Your Eminence regarding a group of people who deny the retribution judgment so much so that they called for demonstrations to oppose the retribution law and other issues?

Ayatollah Golpayegani answered: In the name of God, the merciful and compassionate. Generally speaking, if a Muslim denies the retribution judgment in Islam he is considered to be an apostate because his attitude involves an overt denial of a religious obligation that is mentioned in the Koran. The execution of the apostasy judgment depends on the availability of a clear testimony.

[Signed] Mohammad Reza Musavi Golpayegani, 15 June 1981

On the issue of the retribution law and the opposition of deviating groups, the following legal judgment was issued by Ayatollah Mar'ashi Najafi:

In His exalted name. Denying the essentials of Islam ranging from cleanliness to retribution and legal punishment leads to infidelity. We ask God to protect Islam and Muslims from the most evil of all evils and keep them under the care of the pure, sinless members of the prophet's family.

[Signed] (Shehab ol-Din) Najafi Mar'ashi

Asked about his opinion on the retribution law, Ayatollah 'Abdallah Shirazi said:

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Denying any of Islam's accepted laws, including the law of retribution, leads to apostasy. One who denies the essentials of Islam denies Almighty God and the messenger of Islam. Naturally, when carrying out any of the retribution laws, equality laws, legal punishment or redemption Islamic regulations must be carefully observed.

[Signed] 'Abdallah Shirazi, Holy Mashhad, 15 June 1981

The following is the legal opinion issued by Ayatollah Qomi when asked for his opinion on retribution:

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Praise be to God. Retribution is one of the accepted and indisputable judgments of Islam and the Koran. Whoever denies retribution while knowing that it is an Islamic and Koranic judgment is an apostate.

[Signed] Qomi

DEPUTIES ADDRESS MAJLIS ON BANI-SADR ACTIONS

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[Excerpt] The Islamic Consultative Assembly held an open session this morning with Hashemi-Rafsanjani in the chair.

At the beginning of the session the results of the voting for the appointment of Seyyed Mohammad Asghari as justice minister were announced as follows: total votes cast 182; 134 in favor; 41 abstentions; 7 against.

In response to a deputy's preagenda speech, Hashemi-Rafsanjani said: This assertion that the Majlis had done nothing and if it had done anything it had been the wrong thing is not fair as is the accusation that the Majlis' performance is divisive. This is exactly what the liberals, as well as our foreign enemies, want us to say. Should the Majlis decide to say and state the things which it is now refraining from saying, you would be surprised.

He added: Ghazanfar Pur [the deputy who read out President Bani-Sadr's letter to the Majlis on 14 June] has read a letter in the Majlis, the content and insult of which have not even been heard from the Mojahedin-e Khalq and the Peykars. They still say speech is being surpressed in the Majlis. What I want to say is this: These gentlemen are trying to discredit the Majlis. They could not achieve their aims in the newspapers or in speeches. Now they have resorted to a communique.

The beauty of the whole thing is that Mo'infar has used the Majlis' immunity to read out the statement signed by former Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan and two other deputies boycotting the Majlis. I defended him and did not allow anyone to stop him and let 180 deputies sit and listen to that statement. We conduct our business on the basis of law and your patience and mine as the man responsible for Majlis business are enough to allow him to proceed uninterrupted.

Rafsanjani added: The plot was originally in another form, but it did not succeed. It planned to discredit the Majlis but did not succeed. This is the latest aspect of their declared intention not to attend the Majlis sessions--of course, with a new exception: that they would attend any session concerning debates on the war and the budget. Of course, I understand the reason behind this.

The Majlis speaker added: This Majlis has many enemies. This Majlis is today the people and the revolution's stronghold. After the imam, the Majlis ranks the second. Don't frighten the people, the revolution's organs. Don't use the Majlis for your assertions against the Majlis.

During today's session Mehdi Karrubi, deputy from Aligodarz, spoke about the recent attacks on the martyrs foundation's building by counterrevolutionary groups in Tehran. He briefed the Majlis on the incident and added: The Mojahedin-e Khalq and Peykar were responsible for this attack. In this delicate situation, should Bani-Sadr as the president allow such counterrevolutionary groups which are considered to be the enemies of the Islamic Republic to attack the revolution's foundations under the pretext of supporting the president, a president who has ordered resistance?

The last speaker was the Nahavand deputy, Mohammad 'Ali Heydari, who congratulated the Iranian nation and the fighting personnel of the armed forces on the occasion on Khomeyni's historic order that the post of the commander in chief of the armed forces come under the direct supervision of the imam and velayat-e faqih.

Referring to the president's letter, read out in yesterday's session, a deputy addressed the president and asked him: What has been done to you?

The post of the commander in chief of the armed forces had been given by the imam. He took it back in accordance with his authority and he wanted you to remain the guardian of the Constitution to which you have sworn and act accordingly. But you have stood against the law. Your performance as president is full of disappointments, creating pessimism among the people. The question of the referendum was also a plot. Your assertion on the issue of the American hostages--in which you said that we ourselves have become a hostage to America--created anxiety among the people. Wasn't the rumor of torture which you spread also a cause for worry? Didn't your protest against the closure of the universities and your actions to weaken the revolutionary foundations disappoint the people?

Another speaker was Gholam 'Ali Shahraki, deputy from Zabul. In his address he said: In this delicate time when we are at war it would be more appropriate to declare a cease-fire on the internal front. The situation has reached a regretful state. Or do you think it is too late and it is an impossible job to forget and ignore our nation's goals? Don't you think it is better to think again and realize the delicate situation and our position in the world?

Another speaker was Ali Akbar Mo'infar, deputy from Tehran. He read a letter signed by himself and three other deputies: Mehdi Bazargan, Yadollah Sahabi and Kazem Sami. The letter stated that they would not attend the Majlis sessions except those debating the war and the budget.

SPEAKER PROMISES 'FAVORABLE' DECISION ON BANI-SADR

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[Text] The roaring crowd assembled outside the Majlis building at 1800 today chanting "Death to the antivelayat-e faqih" and "Death to nationalism," asked the speaker of the Majlis to join their meeting and issue the Majlis' vote of incompetence [against Bani-Sadr]

The speaker of the Majlis, 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani, later appeared among the demonstrators and thanked the crowd for their warm sentiments and for their support of the speech Imam Khomeyni made today. He added: [read by announcer]

Your presence here is a crushing blow to all those who are not accompanying the revolution. The Majlis will give its favorable reply as a result of your cries and presence here. Since 120 deputies have asked that the subject of Bani-Sadr's political incompetence be discussed, this by itself is an indication of coordination between the Majlis and you, the Moslems. Your sentiments are more important than any speech. Therefore, I prefer to leave the scene and the city's atmosphere in the hands of your sentiments, you who are truly members of the Party of God, you who are truly the people who have moved for the sake of the divine on the order of (?Khomeyni).

I pray to God for your success. I promise you that the Majlis, your Islamic government and the other revolutionary organs will continue on the path of the Islamic revolution by listening to your guidance. With your presence on the scene we can remain hopeful and continue on the road to our Islam. I request that you not embarrass us anymore.

MAJLIS VOTES TO DEBATE BANI-SADR 'INCOMPETENCE'

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[Excerpt] According to Central News Bureau reports, at today's open session of the Islamic Majlis, the urgency of the proposal regarding regulations reviewing the political incompetence of the president and also the proposal regarding the political incompetence [as heard], both of which were submitted with double urgency to the Majlis, were both ratified.

According to the Central News Bureau, the session, which began with recitation of verses from the holy Koran, was chaired by Hashemi-Rafsanjani. Members of the Council of Guardians were present. The session first discussed the lack of political competence and then the urgency of reviewing the proposal regarding the president's lack of political competence. After votes for and against, the urgency of both proposals was ratified. The above-mentioned proposals will be discussed in tomorrow's open session.

At today's session, the bill of law regarding merging the revolution courts with the Ministry of Justice of the Islamic Republic of Iran was discussed. After studying the proposals of the deputies, and following speeches for and against, it was ratified. According to the same report, Hashemi-Rafsanjani said at this session: Once again I would like to express the gratitude of the Islamic Majlis to the imam of the nation for his generous advice and prophet-like guidance to the revolutionary nation and beseech Almighty God for his long life and increasing success in continuing this holy revolution and in continuing this path, the path of true Islam.

We thank the great ulema who gave their judgment on those who in their own immature minds intend to ruin the reputation of the Islamic Republic. We hope that they will continue their responsible duty in future sensitive moments.

BANI-SADR REPRESENTATIVE ON 3-MAN COMMITTEE RESIGNS

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[Text] At 2225 on Monday 15 June the office of the imam released the text of Hojjat ol-Eslam Eshraqi's letter of resignation from acting as Bani-Sadr's representative on the three-man mediation committee, as follows:

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Noble people of Iran: With the permission of his great eminence the imam, may his blessed shadow continue, I agreed to represent Mr Bani-Sadr on the three-man mediation committee in the hope of guiding him to the path of law. Unfortunately, this was not possible. Some of his associates are so dependent on aliens and dangerous that there is no doubt that whatever they do is in accordance with the wishes of the aliens. How often did the imam of the nation advise him not to act contrary to the laws? But they did not let him listen. God willing, in an interview, I will explain to the struggling people of Iran all that I have personally witnessed; but for now I resign as his representative.

[Signed] Shahaboddin Eshraqi

PRESIDENT'S INFORMATION OFFICIALS ARRESTED

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[Statement issued by the Public Relations Office of the central headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Muslim nation of Iran: Once again, with the assistance of God and the active presence of you Muslim and committed people, more of the evil anti-Muslim conspiracies were neutralized and destroyed and a heavy blow was delivered to the mouths of the babblers of the East and the West. The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, while expressing its thanks to the aware Iranian nation, informs you that following reports about suspicious comings and goings in one of the houses on Hor Street, the guards corps, with the assistance of other security forces, went to the spot and after identification it became clear that this house was one of the gathering places of the members and leadership of the recent suspicious conspiracies. Therefore, steps were taken to arrest the planners of the counter-revolutionary activities and eight of those persons were arrested.

At the time of the arrest they started to destroy some of the papers and documents. The investigation revealed that they were members of the president's information office.

In conclusion, we ask our uprisen and ever-wakeful nation to inform the news headquarters of the guard corps, the Central Committee and other centers as soon as they witness any suspicious and counterrevolutionary movement, just as they have done in the past. The telephone numbers of the news headquarters of the guards corps are: 831111 and 137899; those of the Central Committee are: 310000 to 310009.

[Signed] The Public Relations Office of the central headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps

GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE 15 JUN

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[Text] Behzad Nabavi, the minister of state for executive affairs and official government spokesman, held a press conference yesterday in which he answered various questions.

On the Israeli raid against Iraq's nuclear reactor, he said: From our point of view, this event is very similar to a conspiracy plotted by the United States and the Arab reactionary regimes in order to isolate the Islamic revolution in Iran. Anyway, we denounce the Zionist entity's action because these installations are part of the wealth of the Iraqi Muslim people. The Zionist entity destroyed these installations because it did not want them to fall into the hands of the Iraqi Muslim people after Saddam's defeat.

Nabavi noted the rumor of the Iranian raid on Kuwait's Al-'Abdali region and the fact that Iran has denied this rumor. He said: This rumor is part of the conspiracy by the Islamic revolution's enemies who want to incite the Atabs against Iran in order to isolate Iran's Islamic revolution.

Noting Waldheim's proposal on dispatching UN groups to aid the Iranian citizens hit by the earthquake in Kerman, Nabavi said: We accept any aid that has no political ambitions.

FALLAHI CONGRATULATES GROUND FORCES COMMANDER

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[Text] Brigadier General Fallahi, acting chief of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic, sent a cable to Brigadier General Zahir Nezhad, the commander of the ground forces, on the occasion of the successful operations carried out by the soldiers of Islam on the Darkhovin front. The cable says: The victorious operations on the Darkhovin front yesterday are another shining source of pride for the imam of the nation and the noble Muslim Iranian people. Please extend my congratulations, appreciation and the thanks of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Colonel Javadi, the commander of the Arvand operations, and to every individual fighter on this front.

Brigadier General Fallahi addressed the valiant forces saying: Heroes of Islam: Your epic-making resistance and courage on the Darkhovin battlefield today have inflicted a grave defeat on the aggressor enemy, from whom most of the fortified positions in the occupied southern areas have been recaptured.

The deceptive enemy was deep in his dreams and illusions and was satisfied with the fortifications of this front, but he was not aware of the eternal divine ability and the strength of Islam and Muslims. He awoke from his sleep and saw the destruction of more than 35 tanks and personnel carriers, 50 light and heavy vehicles and a number of Katyusha rockets, together with the capture of 12 serviceable tanks, the deaths of about 200 men, the taking of 300 prisoners and the retreat of his mercenaries to a distance ranging between 3 and 4 km.

Oh heroes of Islam, blessed are your consecutive victories. And you martyrs whose bodies are covered with blood, may you reside in the paradise of immortality.

[Signed] Acting Chief of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran Brigadier General Fallahi

ARMED FORCES JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUES ON BATTLES

533: Military Situation

LD121806 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 12 Jun 81

[Communique 533 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. The Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, with their hearts full of assurance and belief, are marching toward their common goal of defending the Islamic homeland and annihilating the enemies of Islam. The result of the activities and courageous operations of our self-sacrificing heroes on various battlefronts during the past 24 hours are hereby brought to your attention:

Following yesterday's victories, gained by the defenders of the Islmaic revolution on the Darkhovin front, the combatants of Islam have taken complete control of the positions captured in this region and are able to repel any enemy movements.

Exchange of artillery fire between the forces of Islam and the enemy continued on the Ahvaz fronts and the fronts to the west of Susangerd and Bostan, as a result of which one tank, one other vehicle and a quantity of ammunition belonging to the aggressors was destroyed and about 20 Iraqi soldiers were either killed or injured. Saddam's forces opened artillery and mortar fire on Abadan and Ahvaz last night and today, causing damage and loss of life. The combatants of the Navy of the Islamic Republic of Iran concentrated their fire on enemy positions and destroyed a vehicle and a quantity of ammunition. A number of enemy personnel were killed in the occupied parts of Khuninshahr and the artillery fire of Saddam's followers was silenced.

On the Meymak, Konjancham and Nakhlestan fronts, sporadic exchanges of fire continued, and in Kan-e Sakht the enemy's artillery fire destroyed one of our military vehicles. Its three passengers were wounded.

The brave personnel of the Gendarmerie of the Islamic Republic of Iran opened fire on enemy positions in Qasr-e Shirin region and destroyed five trenches and foxholes and a 106-mm rifle, together with its crew. Several Iraqi aggressor aircraft which appeared in the skies to the south and west of our country were forced to flee from our antiaircraft defense.

Today, an (?Aero) commander plane belonging to the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which was flying to Tehran from Urumiyeh, crashed near Zanjan because of a technical fault and its seven passengers and crew were martyred. The cause of the incident is under investigation.

In the operations on the Darkhovin front yesterday, 15 of our fighting brothers were martyred and 16 were wounded.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

## 534: Recent Clashes

LD131748 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 13 Jun 81

[Communique 534 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Dear compatriots: Some of the operations of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran during the past 24 hours are brought to your attention as follows:

Yesterday, following the successful operations carried out by the combatants of Islam in Darkhovin--where the enemy was sure of its strong position--which resulted in the complete destruction of one and major damages to another of Saddam's army's battallions, seven more of Saddam's mercenary personnel were captured on this front by our powerful forces while three others surrendered to and were welcomed by the army of Islam.

In the Abadan and Khuninshahr regions, the combatants of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran destroyed an ammunition truck and a self-propelled howitzer, two RPG-7 emplacements and several enemy trenches. A number of enemy forces were killed or injured.

On antoher front in the same region, our courageous combatants destroyed four tanks, six heavy machineguns and a number of trenches of the aggressor army of Saddam.

On the Ahvaz front,the self-sacrificing units of the Ground Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran set fire to three enemy tanks and killed or wounded about 30 Iraqi soldiers.

The enemy, who does not deem himself powerful enough to confront Islam's combatants, this morning opened long-range artillery fire on Ahvaz and caused damage and loss of life. The city of Abadan was shelled yesterday by enemy artillery and mortar fire and sustained some damage.

Our forces opened fire on aggressive Saddamists' positions in Dezful, silencing their weapons, destroying an enemy tank and damaging another and killing three of the aggressors.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

## 536: Latest on Fighting

LD141740 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 14 Jun 81

[Communique 536 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of theIslamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Dear Moslem and revolutionary compatriots: The situation on the fronts and the operations by the combatants of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran over the past 24 hours are brought to your attention as follows:

On the Meymak, Shur-e Shirin and Konjancham fronts, a heavy exchange of fire continued between our forces and the enemy yesterday; the enemy losses and damages are not known, except that on one of those fronts one enemy 75-mm gun and one missile-launching position were destroyed and a number of Iraqi personnel were killed. The gendarmerie combatants brought enemy positions inthe Qasr-e Shirin region under fire, destroying four slit trenches and foxholes and killing or injuring a number of their personnel. On the Malekshahi front, 3 enemy trenches were set ablaze and about 13 members of the Iraqi Army were killed.

Fighting and exchange of fire still continued on the fronts west of Dezful. As a result of artillery and other fire by the combatants of the ground forces, three tanks, one ammunition dump, one mortar and a number of enemy vehicles were set ablaze and destroyed. The number of enemy dead and wounded during this operation amounted to about 30 persons. On the Susangerd front, a sporadic exchange of artillery and heavy weapon fire continued.

On the Abadan and Khuninshahr fronts, the combatants of the armed forces strongly returned the enemy fire, crushing the positions of the aggressive Iraqi Army. As a result of the firing by the self-sacrificing personnel of the armed forces, the following losses and damages were inflicted on the enemy: nine slit trenches with 60-mm and 83-mm mortars, eight vehicles, one 106-mm gun, two stores, one tent, one ammunition truck and seven observation trenches and weapon emplacements were destroyed and a number of the Iraqi forces were killed or wounded.

On the Abadan, Mahshahr and Darkhovin fronts, thanks to heavy artillery fire from the ground forces, a number of tanks and ammunition stores, one mortar, two vehicles and one bulldozer were hit and received some damage. Meanwhile, a number of enemy slit trenches and weapon emplacements were set on fire.

Yesterday parts of Abadan and Ahvaz were brought under enemy artillery and heavy weapon fire, resulting in some damage. Exchange of fire continued in Khuninshahr; enemy positions in the occupied sector of Khuninshahr were brought under our forces' fire, resulting in casualties and damage inflicted on the enemy; one Iraqi column traveling on the Al-Faw-Basra axis was brought under fire and was halted.

At 1215 yesterday, the fast-flying fighters of the air force bombarded Al-Bakr and Al-Ummayah piers in Iraq and set fire to parts of the two piers, inflicting general damage on them. Yesterday, a number of encroaching Iraqi planes, about to attack a number of our border towns, were forced to flee, thanks to our antiaircraft fire.

During operations on 12 June, the combatants of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran had nine martyrs, eight from the ground forces and one from the gendarmerie.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

## 35 SOLDIERS KILLED IN CLASHES IN W. AZARBAYJAN

LD121542 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 12 Jun 81

[Excerpt] Our correspondent sends a report from Urumiyeh on a funeral ceremony held for 35 martyrs of Islam. Please listen:

People of Urumiyeh and inhabitants of towns and villages of West Azarbayjan have been mourning the martyrdom of about 35 combatants of Islam since yesterday. They were martyred in Darlak in an intense clash which occurred last Monday between the forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran on the one hand and elements of the world-devouring United States and minigroups affiliated with the Iraqi Ba'thist regime on the other. In Darlak, clashes on the Naqadeh-Mahabad axis lasted for 2 days and nights and the counterrevolutionaries suffered heavy losses. Following martyrdom of around 35 combatants of Islam, comprising Islamic Revolution Guards Corpsmen, mobilization and airborne forces, revolutionary organs of West Azarbayjan announced 2 days of mourning. The pure, blood-stained bodies of these martyrs were buried in the martyrs' corner of (Bagh-e Rezvan) Cemetery amid the intense grief of the committed people of Urumiyeh.

## 350 Rebels Killed

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[Text] Tehran, 14 Jun (AFP)--Iranian Armed Forces yesterday [word indistinct] the Kurdish village of Darlak in Western Azarbayjan which had been occupied by "illegal armed elements," the Tehran TIMES newspaper reported today quoting the official PARS NEWS AGENCY.

A total of 350 rebels were killed for the loss of 23 government soldiers, the paper said.

## NEPAL

### SURYA BAHADUR THAPA DECLARED ELECTED UNOPPOSED

BK151523 KAtmandu External Service in English 1450 GMT 15 Jun 81

[Text] His majesty the king this afternoon granted audience to Rashtriya Panchayat Chairman Marich Man Singh at the Narayanhiti Royal Palace. On the occasion, his majesty was informed by Chairman Singh that the member of the Rashtriya Panchayat and incumbent Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa was the only candidate to file his nomination papers for the post of prime minsiter by the stipulated deadline. The house accordingly recommended Thapa unopposed to his majesty the king for appointment to the office of the prime minister.

Later this afternoon, his majesty granted audience to the member of the Rashtriya Panchayat and incumbent Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa, who was recommended unopposed to the premiership.

At the meeting of the Rashtriya Pachayat this morning, Chairman Marich Man Singh informed the house that as Surya Bahadur Thapa was the only member to submit nomination papers for election, he was to recommend the name to his majesty the king for appointment as the prime minsiter. Singh further said that as such Surya Bahadur Thapa had been declared elected unopposed.

### AFP on New Cabinet

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[Excerpts] Katmandu, 16 Jun (AFP)--The present [Nepalese] Council of Ministers is composed of ten Cabinet rank ministers, six ministers of state and twelve assistant ministers. Minister of State Mrs Bhadra Kumari Ghale, the only woman member, is in charge of labour and social welfare.

Here are the ten Cabinet rank ministers: Prime Minister Thapa, in charge of foreign and royal palace affairs; Nayan Bahadur Swanr, with the home affairs portfolio; Nawaraj Subedi, with Panchayat, with the local development and health portfolios; Lal Bahadur Khadayat, a new entrant, with the portfolio of water resources; Bala Ram Gharti Magar, defence and industry--he took over defence from Prime Minister Thapa; Hem Bahadur Malla, with the agriculture portfolio; Ramananda Prasad Singh Yaday, with the forest and soil conservation potfolios; Kashi Nath Gautam, with public works and transport; Narayan Dutta Bhatta, with education and culture; Dr Yadav Prasad Pant, with the portfolios of finance, commerce and local supply. This was the first time that finance and commerce portfolios were given to the same person.

The six state ministers and portfolios are Hari Bahadur Thapa (land reform), Bhim Prasad Gauchan (general administration), Drona Shugshere Rana (tourism), Bhadra Kumari Ghale (labour and social welfare), Fatte Singh Tharu (communications, press and radio) and Bishnu Manden (law and justice).

The twelve assistant minister are Dhyan Bahadur Rai (water resources), Nara Bahadur Gurung (home), Narayan Malla (land reform), Moti Prasad Pahadi (public works and transport), Deep Bahadur Singh (forest and soil conservation), Som Nath Banstola (health), Raghu Gindu Pratap Shah (agriculture), Krishna Charan Shrestha (industry), Badra Prasad Mandal (finance), Deepak Bohra (tourism), Keshar Bahadur Bista (education and culture) and Tilak Bahadur (labour and social welfare).

The Thapa administration is the first elected government in the 21 years political history of the partyless Panchayat, which had replaced the parliamentary system of government headed by B.P. Koirala in December 1960.

## SRI LANKA

### BANDARANAIKE PARTY CRITICIZES MOVES TOWARD ASEAN

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[Excerpts] Colombo, 11 Jun (AFP)--The Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) of former Prime Minister Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike today condemned the government for seeking membership in the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN). In a statement, the SLFP said that no government formed by it had ever expressed a desire to join ASEAN. It also said that no future SLFP government would retain or accept membership of ASEAN as presently constituted. It said the SLFP believes that the foreign policy of ASEAN nations as a whole is directed against international communism and for that reason is favorably inclined toward the USA and her political and strategic interests and also against Sri Lanka's policy of non-alignment. It said that Sri Lanka's non-alignment policy would be compromised by joining ASEAN.

### PARLIAMENT DISCUSSES VIOLENCE IN JAFFNA DISTRICT

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[Text] When the Parliament met yesterday the speaker informed the house of the message sent by the president regarding the withdrawal of the voluntary armed forces in the administrative district of Jaffna. The president in the communication said that the reason for issuing the order was for the maintenance of public order in the Jaffna District. The prime minister, making a statement in the house later, said that with regard to the unfortunate acts of violence in Jaffna, the government has decided to appoint a commission of inquiry into these acts, including the murder of Dr Thiagarajah and a police personnel, commencing from the development council's nomination period between 20 and 27 April up to the 2d of this month. Premadasa said that they should not forget there are elements opposed to the democratic process prevailing in this country and these elements opposed the establishment of development councils. He added that they are out to prevent a democratic institution from taking root in this country. Therefore, it is necessary to find out whether they were behind these acts of murder and violence.

#### Second Inquiry Ordered

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[Excerpt] The inspector general of police has ordered a full probe into the incidents which took place in Jaffna recently and how they were caused. In the meantime, the armed forces will continue to maintain law and order in the district in collaboration with the police. The president, as commander in chief of the armed forces, has invoked the relevant provision of the Public Security Act for this purpose.

### GOVERNMENT MP'S MOVE TO CENSURE TAMIL LEADER

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[Text] A group of government members of Parliament led by MP for Panadura Dr Neville Fernando has given notice of a motion of no confidence in opposition leader and MP for Kangesanthurai A. Amirthalingam. The draft motion refers to certain statements purported to have been made to the Indian press by Amirthalingam. A report published in the INDIAN EXPRESS newspaper on 5 January this year quotes the opposition leader as saying that only the formation of Tamillilam would be a viable solution to the problems affecting the Tamils. In another report published in the newspaper (THANTHI) on 17 January, he has been quoted as saying that Sri Lanka belongs to the Tamils and it was the Sinhalese who had come to Sri Lanka in search of a livelihood. He had also said that the Indian Government should come forward to help the Tamils of Sri Lanka in their freedom struggle. The draft motion says that since these statements have not been denied by Amirthalingam, the house censures his conduct. In all, 15 MP's have signed the motion.